GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4208
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2000
LOSS OF FOODGRAINS ON TRANSIT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have plans to create more infrastructural facilities in various Railway Stations and Ports to facilitate easy transit of foodgrains from the above said destinations to other destinations;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the value of loss incurred during transit, storage, theft and other reasons;

(d) whether the Government have received any request for setting up more godowns in Tamil Nadu;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the measures taken by the Government to increase the storage potential in Tamil Nadu and to facilitate transit facilities in the State?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SRIRA CHAUHAN)

(a) & (b) : Creation of infrastructural facility in Railway Stations and Ports of the country to handle various commodities is an ongoing and continuous process. These facilities are created as and when required for traffic needs by the Railways and Ports, subject to availability of resources. The Food Corporation of India proposes to create 86,250 metric tonnes of additional storage capacity during 2000-2001 in various States to handle foodgrains. The State-wise details are given in the Annexure.

(c): The value of loss incurred during transit storage and theft is given below:-

Qty. in MTs.
Value in Rs. Crores

Transit Loss

Year	Qty. Lost	Value	% age
1998-99	2.66	198.00	1.17

Storage Loss

Year	Qty. Lost	Value	% age
1998-99	1.51	130.08	0.40

Loss due to theft

Year	No. of cases	Amount involved

1998-99 18 Rs.7,02924/-

(d),(e) & (f): The Government has approved construction of a 10,000 MTcapacity godown at Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu, and the construction work has been awarded recently by the Food Corporation of India.The State Government of Tamil Nadu was also sanctioned an amount of Rs, 50.00 lakhs for construction of 18 godowns with a total capacity of 2480 MT during 1996-97. The State Government has requested for utilizing this amount for construction of 6 godowns with a total capacity of 1600 MT. Under the Annual Action Plan 2000-2001 construction of, one godown of 18000 MT capacity and one covered godown of 15000 MT capacity in Tuticorin CFS by the Central Warehousing Corporation, is in progress.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4208 FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 15.12.2000.

STATE ADDITIONAL STORAGE CAPACITY TO BE CREATED BY FCI DURING 2000-2001

Orissa	6,660 MTs
Karnataka	30,000 MTs
Kerala	25,000 MTs
Uttar Pradesh	5,000 MTs
Tamil Nadu	5,000 MTs
Jammu & Kashmir	2,500 MTs
Mizoram	3,340 MTs
Tripura	5,000 MTs
Meghalaya	3,750 MTs
Total	86,250 MTs